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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION -- FORD INTERVIEW WITH WASHINGTON POST

1. BOTH AL GOMHOURIYA AND AL AKHBAR OF JULY 2 FRONTPAGE
PRESIDENT FORD'S WARNING (IN INTERVIEW PRINTED IN
WASHINGTON POST) AGAINST ME STALEMATE. AL GOMHOURIYA'S
BANNER HEADLINES QUOTE PRESIDENT'S VIEW THAT "WAR WILL
BREAK OUT AGAIN UNLESS DEFINITE RESULTS ARE REACHED."
AL GOMHOURIYA'S STORY MENTIONS THAT IF SUCH RESULTS
ARE NOT REACHED WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS, "WAR WILL BE
INEVITABLE." AL AKHBAR QUOTES STATEMENT THT CONTINUING
STALEMATE IS "INVITATION FOR NEW WAR."

2. BOTH AL GOMHOURIYA AND AL AKHBAR REPORT THAT IF ITS
PRESENT EFFORTS FAIL, "U.S. WILL GO TO GENEVA TO SUPPORT
WHAT WE THINK IS JUST FOR ALL PARTIES." ACCORDING
TO BOTH PAPERS, PRESIDENT FORD REITERATED THAT, IN
GENEVA, " WE WILL NOT NECESSARILY BE COMMITTED TO
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SUPPORT ISRAELI POSITONS."

3. AL AHRAH REPORTS FORD INTERVIEW IN ARTICLE WHICH
REVIEWS "SPLITS WITHIN ISRAEL ON WITHDRAWAL". ARTICLE
REFERS TO FORD'S DENIAL OF ISSUING ULTIMATUM TO RABIN
DURING LATTER'S WASHINGTON VISIT AND DENIAL BY ISRAELI
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. STORY QUOTES PRESIDENT FORD
AS SAYING THAT, "WE WILL NEVER GO TO GENEVA TO SUPPORT
ANY POSITION EXCEPT OVERALL SETTLEMENTS THAT WE FEEL
JUST FOR ALL PARTIES."

4. EDITORIALS IN AL AHRAH AND AL GOMHOURIYA DEPLORE
ISRAELI ATTEMPTS TO REMAIN IN OCCUPIED ARAB LANDS.
AL AHRAH SUGGESTS THAT U.S. TODAY IS NOT AS FIRM AS
IT WAS IN 1956 ABOUT ACHIEVING ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL.
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